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Joanne Catt shows how the new museum fence is boxing in her mother's kitchen. 'She was beside herself when the fence first went up. She has not seen it completed as we have moved her into a rest home for her health. She is on anti-depressants - the worry of this means she is not eating properly,' said Mrs Catt.

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

DEAL'S maritime museum is locked in a bizarre battle with a next-door neighbour that has resulted in a huge fence being built around a pensioner's kitchen, blocking off all her light.

The family of 82-year-old Kathleen Thomson say she is now so distraught by the wrangling that she has been moved to a nursing home.

But the museum said it had no choice but to put up the fence on advice from police after some of its exhibits were mysteriously damaged and one was taken.

The fight over the land between the Deal Maritime And Local History Museum at 22 St George's Road, Deal, and Mrs Thomson at No 20 started some time ago.

Mrs Thomson's son-in-law Martin Catt said: "The museum has treated her badly and now puts up a fence right in front of her two kitchen windows so no light gets it. I want the fence taken down so she can see what she is doing."

His wife and Kathleen's daughter Joanne added: "She was beside herself when the fence first went up. She has not seen it completed as we have moved her temporarily into a rest home for her health. She is on anti-depressants - the worry of this means she is not eating properly. This is partly why we have moved her to ensure that she is rested and eating properly."

The family claims there is a law that where a property has enjoyed natural daylight for 20 years or more, it may not be blocked out by a neighbour. And it says the Party Wall Act of

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**INFECTED:** Horse chestnut trees at a Deal park will not produce conkers if disease is not contained

# Disease laying waste to horse chestnut trees

■ BY NICK AMES

HORSE chestnut trees in Deal's Victoria Park are among the latest victims of a nationwide disease that targets the popular source of conkers.

County councillor Julie Rook said that all but one of the trees have had to be removed and now the last remaining chestnut in the centre of the play park seems likely to suffer the same fate.

There are also concerns that its roots could damage the play area surface. Up to five new replacement trees will be planted elsewhere in the park.

The horse chestnuts, are being hit by drought, pest attack and disease. On many, the leaves have already withered and shrunk, and conkers, the fruits of the tree, are not being produced at all.

According to the Forestry Commission between 40,000 and

50,000 of them may already be affected – about 10 per cent of all the horse chestnuts in Britain – and that figure may be even higher.

Since branches tend to drop off the weakened trees, thousands of them on the fringes of urban streets may have to be cut down for safety reasons.

"I think you could compare this to Dutch elm disease," said Tony Kirkham, the head of the arboretum at the Royal Botanic Gardens. "The last thing we would want is another epidemic that wiped out a common British tree species."

The trees have already been hit by three winters of drought. But now in their weakened state they are suffering from simultaneous attack by a pest, the leaf miner moth, whose larvae eats the leaves, and a disease known as bleeding canker.

This causes a dark liquid to ooze from spots on the trunk of a tree, which can quickly develop into large damaged patches, spreading all the way around the branch or trunk until limbs fall off, or the tree falls over.

## Pfizer thinks big in bid to help charity

CHARITY Canterbury Oast Trust has joined forces with Pfizer in a unique volunteering project called Thinkathon.

The trust looks after and provides opportunities for people with physical and learning disabilities and will challenge Pfizer employees to apply their business skills to the problems it faces as a charitable organisation.

In an Apprentice-style challenge, participants will work in teams to develop a plan to raise the profile of the charity with the public and to increase essential funding resources.

## Volunteers needed for child contact centre

SOLICITOR Donna Payne, of Walmer, is on the drive to recruit volunteers for her new charity.

Cordomus, meaning "heart and home", plans to open a Child Contact Centre, which will depend heavily on support from local volunteers.

Donna said "There is a desperate need for a Child Contact Centre within the Dover District, as families have to travel to Folkestone or Canterbury.

"We aim to offer families in crisis a welcoming, neutral, child-friendly place where an estranged or non-resident parent can spend quality time with their child."

Cordomus needs volunteers to give up three hours of their time a month to help run the Child Contact Centre and make it a welcoming and safe environment.

## Shopping centre gets kick out of World Cup

BOUVERIE Place shopping centre in Folkestone has gone World Cup-crazy with a four-week footballing feast to get shoppers in the mood.

The fun kicked off on Saturday, May 22 and continues every Saturday into the tournament with a host of competitions and activities for all the family.

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## Windsor date for ladies bowling team

THE ladies of Dover Bowling Club have been invited to play the Royal Household lady bowlers at Windsor tomorrow (Thursday).

The team, right, is backed by Dover District Council and Mayor Sue Jones presented a cheque to lady president Daphne Gretton on its open day.

Lady captain Dot Blackman said: "We are delighted our town council is supporting us on this special occasion. "It is a great honour to be invited by the Royal Household ladies and we shall be proud to represent, not only our club, but also Dover town.

"This is the first time the ladies will play at Windsor and we hope the Royal Household ladies will visit us next year, when we can give them a real Dover welcome."





# Archant's to make big news with KOS Media

## Takeover set to benefit business

KOS Media, publisher of this newspaper and the award-winning Kent on Sunday newspaper, has been acquired by the Archant Regional media group.

Archant Regional is the UK's largest independently-owned regional media business, with four daily regional newspapers and some 60 weekly titles with a combined circulation of 2.25 million copies every week.

It has been a minority shareholder in KOS Media since 2005 and Archant London division publishes 21 weekly newspapers across London and Kent, including the Kentish Times series of weekly newspapers which includes the Gravesend Reporter, Dartford Times, Bromley Times and Bexley Times (195,000 weekly adult reach).

### Delighted

KOS Media launched in 2002 and its portfolio includes the Yourlocal series as well as Kent on Sunday, Kent on Saturday and weekend newspapers in Tunbridge Wells and west Kent and associated websites.

Archant chief executive Adrian Jeakings said: "We are delighted to bring KOS Media fully

into our portfolio of regional titles. This acquisition strengthens Archant's existing presence in Kent and provides a springboard for further investment.

"We look forward to working with managing director Paul Stannard and his team to develop this vibrant business."

KOS MD Paul Stannard said: "I am delighted Archant has taken on full ownership of KOS Media. We will benefit from ownership by a large, well-financed, independent group with ambitious plans to grow the business."

### Application

In 2005, Kent on Sunday was the first and only free newspaper to win the overall UK Regional Newspaper of the Year title by Press Gazette. Its sister title, Kent on Saturday, was launched in 2005.

KOS Media was the first regional media company in the UK to offer an app for the iPhone. The free Kent News app includes full search facilities as well as the kentnews.co.uk websites and e-editions all in one application.

The company pioneered page-turning regional e-papers in the UK with a total of 188,123 subscriber emails and independent click-throughs via the websites to these e-editions every week (source BE stats Nov 09). This database is growing at a rate of more than 1,000 a month.

KOS Media has a total audience in excess of 500,000 readers per week, according to its latest independent market research, and recent independent audits of its newspapers and websites show a reach of more than one third of the adults in Kent.

KOS Media will launch its multi-platform



**DONE DEAL:** Archant chief executive Adrian Jeakings and KOS Media's managing director Paul Stannard

iPad application in July 2010, alongside its existing successful iPhone app. This will have daily news and sports coverage, jobs, property and cars, which all come with their own unique search engine in a website format.

Mr Stannard said: "KOS Media looks forward to working further with its reader and advertisers right across the county of Kent to develop, innovate and invest in Kent's future, prosperity and success."

## Girl offered money to get in man's van

DETECTIVES are hunting a white-van driver who tried to get a 10-year-old girl into his vehicle by offering her money.

The child escaped by running off home and immediately alerted her parents, who then contacted police.

Officers have now released an e-fit of the man they would like to speak to following the alleged approach to a girl as she walked along a Dover street.



**E-FIT:** Do you recognise him?

They have also issued an appeal to parents to make sure that their children understand the importance of not talking to people they do not know.

A police spokesman said: "The young girl was walking along Coombe Valley Road, near the motorcycle shop, at around 1.30pm on Saturday, April 24, when a man driving the small vehicle pulled up and parked in front of her."

"He got out and asked if she wanted to get in the van for money. The girl ran to her home address a short distance away and reported the incident to her family."

The man is described as white but with a well-tanned appearance, 6ft tall and of chubby build, 45 to 50 years old and with short white hair; he was wearing a light-green jacket, blue jeans and spoke with a local accent.

Police believe this was an isolated incident but are advising parents to ensure their children are reminded of the advice given at school regarding strangers.

Anyone with information is asked to phone Det Con Gemma Crouch on 01303 289415 or Kent Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## SeaFrance: 'no need for fight'

TROUBLED cross-Channel operator SeaFrance is hoping to avoid industrial action after announcing it is to cut 725 jobs in an attempt to halt financial losses.

The plan has been put to trade unions and officials in the hope of implementing the redundancies next month, leaving the company with a workforce of about 850.

But it is likely to attract criticism from a workforce that has opposed many measures to try to make the business more viable.

Industrial action followed previous announcements of planned job losses.

However, management says this time around it is optimistic there will be no confrontation.

Managing director Robin Wilkins said the job losses, which are all in France, will be a big step forward in saving the company.

He said: "We're still haemorrhaging cash. It's important we stabilise that position."

"I think there's a growing realisation among our trade-union partners that the company is in great difficulties... and it's time to accept this is the way forward."

"It's been extremely well thought out over the last few weeks."

"I believe that there is now a willingness on all sides that this plan be put in place and the future of the company be assured."

## Museum says law is on its side of fence

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1996 says that a one-month notice should be given before a fence or wall is put up and if there is an objection then it must go to arbitration.

The police have been approached but can not take action as no criminal offence has been committed.

Mrs Thomson has lived at her Deal home since 1972. Until earlier this year she was allowed the use of a small part of the museum's yard as a garden for a peppercorn rent.

There was a small wall dividing the garden from the museum's yard, which has now been demolished. The wall has been replaced by a 5ft fence, three inches from her home.

Mrs Thomson's family has contacted the council, which has declined to take any action as it too says no regulations have been broken. And the museum said the law is on its side.

Judith Doré, the museum's secretary and a trustee, said: "When the museum was formed in 1971, it was built in the yard of what was No 20."

"It was sold as a separate entity and there was a private right of way across the museum's property."

"There was a small piece of land which was rented to the then-owner of No 20 for £4 per annum.

"We gave notice, as required in the rental agreement, that after six months, we were not continuing this."

"We got a letter back from a solicitor last July saying we were stealing the land, which can't be so as we have a signed lease."

"In January we took the land back. We were aware of the right of way and there is a gate in the fence now."

### Alarmed

"We have had property moved and damaged, and unfortunately something has been taken."

"The police were alarmed all our boundaries were not secured and advised us to do this."

"We took advice from the planning complaints officer over what to do."

"The land does not belong to Mrs Thomson - it belongs to the museum and it is our privacy that has been compromised."

The family said it had invited the museum to go to arbitration but it had declined.

The family has consulted solicitors, who say there is a good case but it will require lengthy court proceedings.

The family insist they support the contribution the museum makes to the community but object to "the harassment of this frail old lady".



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**ALL ABOARD:** Vintage buses picked up passengers to take them to a fun event at the Dover Transport Museum

# Visitors take bus trip down memory lane

VINTAGE buses were on the streets of Dover on Sunday as a celebration of nostalgic transport took place at a museum in Whitfield.

The Dover Transport Museum, which houses vintage cars, motorcycles and even a Romany caravan, had a number of old double-deckers parked outside.

They included buses in the maroon-and-cream colours of East Kent, the green of the London County services and the traditional red of the London Routemaster.

Two vehicles – including an open-topped bus – made circular routes to the venue from the town centre and train station to pick up visitors.

The Dover Transport Museum was formed in 1980. There have been three other museum sites in the town with similar displays, but a site bought with Lottery funds and money given by many local businesses and people, has given the group who run the venue a permanent home where the past, present and future come together.

The spokesman said: "We have road vehicles of all types from bicycles to buses.

"There is a model railway and tramway,

■ BY NICK AMES

local-transport history, hundreds of models, Kent coalfield items and a Maritime Room as well as bygone shops and a 1930s garage."

Particularly popular were examples of car and lorry toys from the 1950s through to the 1970s.

Visitors can see the exhibits being worked on and enjoy the tearooms, which are also open on a Sunday.

There was also a transport link to a steam railway which runs between Eythorne and Shepherdswell.

Jeremy Smith came to see the day's activities from his home in Ashford.

"I am very interested in the transport of the past and this was a very well-run event. The buses around the town and the links up to the museum and railway were a great way to link all the activities together," he said.

"It was great to see an old-fashioned uniformed conductor with all the old equipment dishing out old-fashioned tickets.

"Best of all, I didn't have to pay a fare as the trip was free."

A spokesman said: "We had a lot of interest in the event, which bought back memories for many of our visitors."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Ferry chefs served award

NORFOLKLINE'S English Channel team has won the company's annual Chefs Competition at Westminster Kingsway College in London.

The winning team was made up of chef Jevgenijs Lonskis and steward Manuel Cardoso from the Maersk Delft ferry, which operates from Dover to Dunkirk.

Every year, chefs from Norfolkline's four sea routes – the English Channel, Irish Sea, Scottish Route and the North Sea – come together to compete against each other to create the best three-course dinner menu.

Each team consists of two people, including one sous chef and a steward. They are judged by five senior chef lecturers at the college on areas such as presentation, taste, imagination and quality of both food and service.

Brian Smith, general manager of Norfolkline's retail and food service, said: "Our chefs really enjoy competing at this event."

### It's the magic of Disney

THE Disney Magic cruise-ship is being based in the Port of Dover for the first time as part of an extended season of Mediterranean and northern European trips.

The ship arrived on Saturday, June 12, and will sail four 12-night round-trip cruises from Dover to ports in Scandinavia, Germany and Russia.

"We are thrilled to begin this new itinerary, and call the Port of Dover our home for the next few weeks," said Karl Holz, president of Disney Cruise Line. "This region of the world holds great appeal."

### Dunkirk author honoured

A SERVICE has taken place at Dover Castle to honour the man who masterminded the Dunkirk evacuation in the Second World War.

Vice-Admiral Bertram Ramsay organised the rescue of more than 380,000 British and French troops trapped on the beaches of northern France.

Veterans, as well as descendants of Vice-Adm Ramsay, gathered to pay tribute to those involved in the events of 1940. His grandson, Charles Ramsay, was among those taking part.

The operation to evacuate the troops from the beaches of Dunkirk was run from the network of tunnels under the castle.

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"Also we have filled gaps in the market by selling our products online not only to the UK, but also Australia, Ireland and



**TOP:** The White House was named salon of the year

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## Crime-prevention team wins award

A GROUP that targets shoplifters and other criminals has been named as one of the best in the country.

The Dover, Deal and Sandwich Partnership Against Crime has been given a distinction by the Association of Business Crime Partnerships.

The presentation took place on board the P&O Ferries ship Pride of Calais while it was berthed at Calais.

Judge Sandy Hobbs praised the partnership for the way it operated, the various systems it had in place to help detect and detain shoplifters and for the secure website that kept members up to date with criminals' activities and allowed them to report incidents and share photographs of offenders online.

## Teen is selected as town junior mayor

CASTLE Community College pupil James Madden old has been appointed as 'youth mayor' for Deal.

The 16-year-old student will be supported by 'deputy youth mayor' Maria Sharkey, 14.

Their honorary positions are the result of elections held among students at the town's schools earlier this month.

The two will be invited to attend town council meetings and champion the causes of particular interest or concern to local young people.

Deal councillors believe that the appointments are a way to help engage young people in politics and give them a better understanding of the democratic process.

# Regeneration is right on track for town's station

■ BY NICK AMES

THE regeneration of Dover train station – one of the key stages in the town's bid to become an important seaside attraction – has been completed.

The project is one of nine key stages in rejuvenating the area for the benefit of locals and visitors alike.

The intention is to turn the town centre into a popular coastal attraction by 2035.

The refurbishment of the station itself started a couple of years ago and this latest development has seen the forecourt redesigned at a cost of £2 million.

Better access to Folkestone Road is now available and a stair links the station to Tower Hamlets, meaning pedestrians don't have to make a long detour through town to catch a train.

There is also a new layout for traffic approaching the station, new road-surfacing and better facilities for connecting to buses.

At the launch of the new-look station, the county council's Dave Hughes said: "This is a major step forward in giving the people of Dover better facilities."

There were large contributions from members of the local community to the design, which has been praised by commuters.

Patricia Dunbar, who travels to London each



**KEY STAGE:** Dover station has had a £2 million makeover in town improvement; KCC's Dave Hughes, inset, at the launch

day, said: "With the new high-speed link and the facilities, my journey is a thousand times better than it was just a year ago."

"From being quite a run-down station, Dover is now a pleasant place to catch a train."

"There is a shop for a coffee and a paper, well-provided platforms and a journey lasting just over an hour up to the capital."

"The time I get to London now I would have only been near Paddock Wood this time last year."

Other projects for the town's regeneration include the new sea sports centre, the improved esplanade, a cycle route along the River Dour with links to others across Britain and business and housing developments.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### JOEL ROSZMANN



#### Q What is the Kent Children's Fund Network?

**A** The Kent Children's Fund Network (KCFN) is a charity and voluntary organisation based in Kent. Our three main priorities are participation, play and training. Our aim is empowering children and young people, parents and carers to grow their potential through participation and play.

Practically speaking, that means we provide and promote play in every aspect of life here in Kent. That means getting more play back into schools, promoting playgrounds and play areas, providing opportunities for children that don't get the chance to play. We also work with parents to teach them how to play with their children at home.

We also try to debunk a lot of the myths about health and safety. The focus is all about enriching children's lives in Kent.

#### Q Has play been neglected?

**A** It is recognised that in the last five to ten years in the UK we have lost something when it comes to playfulness and children's play.

If you look back 20 to 30 years, children were playing on the street. It was a normal thing to see children at play everywhere. Now very few of them leave their home unless they are under their parents' supervision.

This is because a lot of fear has been spread

through the media and people just don't feel safe letting their children take the lead. We need to let kids be kids.

#### Q Where did your interest in play come from?

**A** It's just part of who I am. I was always looking after children who were younger than me. I think it is very important that children have a fulfilling childhood because that leads to a fulfilled adult life. I had a fantastic childhood – my parents did a great job of raising me.

I had so many opportunities as a child. At the time I just thought that was normal, but actually I was just one of a few lucky children who have those sorts of opportunities presented to them all the time.

#### Q How did you first get involved in working with children?

**A** I grew up in Canada and there was a brilliant volunteering programme run by the council. I was one of 300 volunteers in Vancouver who got involved in every aspect of youth provision and play, such as running day-camp programmes and summer-camp programmes and working with children with disabilities.

I then went to Hong Kong doing a similar job, then to Holland, back to Canada and finally here in England in Kent. Working with children has always been my passion and I

jumped at the chance to work for this organisation.

#### Q What happens after the funding from the Big Lottery stops?

**A** We are keen to see the festival continue. The hope is now we have done a lot of the ground work such as risk assessments, a group of community volunteers with our support can take it over on a smaller budget.

#### Q How do parents get involved?

**A** Many parents have got involved in our programmes. A lot of the time families just simply come and take part and the parents who show up on the day get involved. We are always keen to hear from people who have seen our website.

#### Q What else would you like to do?

**A** There are lots of things. I have written books with a limited degree of success. I have a keen interest in international development and the reduction of poverty.

I would like to work in the disaster-relief sector going into poor countries in the future, but at the moment it is all about children in Kent. I expect it to be that way for the next few years.

To find out more about the Kent Children's Fund Network, visit [www.kcfn.co.uk](http://www.kcfn.co.uk).

# Q & A

The play manager for the Kent Children's Fund Network talks to **Ed Hill** about helping youngsters to fulfil their potential by participating in games, his childhood in Canada and how he wound up in the county



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# The even more beautiful game

THERE was once a time when the FA banned women from playing football after concluding the sport was "unsuitable" for the fairer sex.

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But try telling that to the more than 1.1 million females playing some form of the sport in England today, or the 26 million competing across the globe.

Thankfully, attitudes towards women's football have changed dramatically over the last few decades, to the point where a new professional Super League will be launched in this country in time for the 2011-12 season.

Liz Symons – women and girls development officer for the Kent County Football Association (KCFA) – hopes the league will attract more females into the sport.

"A huge amount of work goes into making girls aware they can play football," she said.

"It's traditionally a male sport, but in Kent we have 44 senior women's teams and more than 100 girls' teams. We've been very lucky in that everyone in the county supports the women's game, so we're able to promote it fully.

"We're getting there, but football has a lot of competition from more traditional female pastimes such as netball, horse-riding and ballet."

As well as encouraging females to play, coach and referee football, the KCFA also runs a girls' centre of excellence, based at Gillingham FC, for elite players.

The centre has already produced an England under-17 international, Deanna Cooper, and Liz hopes more will follow in her footsteps.

"Hopefully, the centre will help more girls go

The aim of KOS Media's Fab Football campaign is to increase participation in the sport at all levels. This week, reporter **STEVE KNIGHT** looks at the growth of girls' and women's football in Kent. Email [fabfooty@kentfa.com](mailto:fabfooty@kentfa.com) with your comments and suggestions on the campaign.



**TROPHY TRIUMPH:** Gillingham Ladies celebrate their Kent Cup victory – they secured promotion in the same season

on to play for England or perhaps professionally in the Super League.

"Five or six members of the England women's team are in America getting paid to play, but it's our aspiration that when the

Super League starts we can help more women stay in this country.

"At the moment only the lucky ones get paid to play, while the rest are just doing it for fun."

One person who did have a lot of fun last sea-

son was Gills Ladies captain Becky Lyon, whose team clinched promotion to the Southern Premiership after winning the third division by ten points. They also won the Kent Cup.

The 26-year-old from Sittingbourne has spent more than a decade at the club and says she could not see herself lining up for anyone else.

"Last season was an absolute dream for me and the girls," she said. "Our goal at the beginning was to get promoted and that's exactly what we did."

"I've played for Gillingham for a long time, from when we had little backing and no driving force. It's always been my ambition to play in the Southern Premiership, so to achieve that was brilliant."

Becky was 12 when she first started playing for Gillingham and says a lot has changed with girls' football since then.

"When I was younger, it was a lot different," she said. "There was only a handful of girls' clubs, especially at that age group. I think there was only one league, too, and that was five-a-side at Mote Park, Maidstone."

"That's why the centre of excellence at Gillingham is such a brilliant idea because it gives all these girls a direction to go in. The work that goes on at that level is just fantastic."

Girls and women interested in playing football can email [liz.symons@kentfa.com](mailto:liz.symons@kentfa.com).



**LYON HEART:** Gills Ladies captain Becky Lyon with trophy



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# Try something vu vu today...

THE soundtrack of the World Cup is undoubtedly the 140 decibel blast of the vuvuzela – viewed either as a welcome African addition to the football festival or a major annoyance.

Sainsbury's stores across Kent are recording massive sales of the £2 red horns – mostly to young people.

The sound has also become a popular mobile phone ring-tone in the last few days.

So 'vuvu fever' could become a permanent fixture on the UK sporting scene.

Bosses at Sainsbury's are congratulating themselves as the instruments fly off the shelves at a rate of one every couple of seconds across the UK.

The stores in Canterbury, Folkestone and Ashford have all recorded good sales and the horns are stocked in a special football section.

Student Adam Hall from Hythe bought one just before the Brazil versus North Korea game.

"It'll add to the atmosphere – I just hope the neighbours don't mind," he said.

A spokesman for Sainsbury's said: "We ordered a total of 75,000 of the horns in December, knowing they will become a symbol of the World Cup and people will want to have their own."

But rivals Asda and Tesco have no plans to follow suit as market research says many people find them annoying. There have been calls for them to be banned from matches and a less noisy version is now on sale in South Africa

■ BY NICK AMES and  
JAMES ALEXANDER

A survey on the streets of Ashford revealed almost everyone knew what the instrument was.

Random comments included "They should be banned" and "Get them off my TV", but other people were keen to have a go – although not all managed to make a sound.

The BBC has tried to get coverage without the horn blasts, while a German claims to have invented a computer programme that removes its sound from television coverage.

Freddie Maake is the man who claims to have invented the vuvuzela in 1970.

## Celebration

He lives in the Tembisa township of Johannesburg and is proud of his creation.

"It is our people's celebration and is not going away," he said. "This is South Africa's time to party and we will do it at high volume. It is beautiful. If someone invites you to their house and then plays music you don't like, it is not your place to switch it off."

Mr Maake said he got the idea when he received a present – a bike with a horn.

He removed the air pump from the horn on an impulse and started blowing it.

A fan of local side Kaizer Chiefs, he took it to matches and the craze really started after a local



GETTING THE HORN: Africans celebrate at the football; and, inset, an England fan with a vuvuzela from Sainsbury's

company jumped on the bandwagon and started to produce commercial versions of the home-made instrument.

South Africans also claim it was a great success originally as it either mimics the noise of a rhino or is based on a traditional way of signalling long distance between villages.

Mr Maake said: "I called it the vuvuzela in 1992 after South Africa was readmitted into international sport after the abolition of apartheid as this means three things in the Zulu language – welcome, unite and celebrate."

England's official supporters' club is backing the continued use of the horns, while the most objections seem to come from commentators and some journalists.

Three Lions fan Mike Hudson said: "The killjoys seem to be those who are being paid to be out there – what does that say about them?"

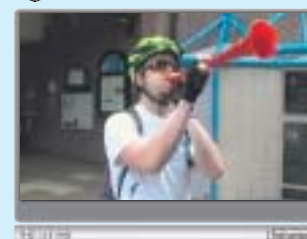
World Cup spokesman Rich Mkhondo added: "Vuvuzelas are here to stay and will never be banned. Look at them as part of our culture in South Africa to celebrate the 2010 World Cup."

• Vuvuzelas cost £2 from Sainsbury's.

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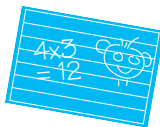


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## BREAK TIME



**PEN PALS:** Folkestone Primary Academy pupils with French pupils from Boulogne enjoy the day

## Academy exchange the language of fun

CHILDREN from both sides of the Channel who have been writing to each other since February got the chance to meet face-to-face at Folkestone Primary Academy.

A delegation of 45 pupils from Bucaille primary school in Boulogne had a chance to meet their pen pals in one of a series of exchange visits arranged by BOSCO+, which works to secure European funding for cross-border projects.

The exchanges are designed to encourage students to learn different languages and gain an understanding of each others' cultures.

The French visitors had a tour of the Folkestone school with their English friends, enjoyed some communal singing and then went to the Lower Leas Coastal Park for lunch and explored the fun zone with teachers Peter Wagstaffe and Catherine Brion from the academy.

They were joined by Marie Alberte Warner and Berengere Lencioni from Bucaille.

Marie Alberte Warner said: "Our English friends wanted to teach us London's Burning, but my pupils had already learned it and everyone sang together in a circle. It was great. We enjoyed every minute of the visit."

# RSPB nature reserve is the perfect outdoor classroom

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

SCHOOLS from across Shepway were treated to a showcase day at Dungeness RSPB nature reserve to learn a range of outdoor and field activities.

Primary school students from New Romney, Lympne, Hythe, Cheriton, Folkestone and Sellindge turned out on Wednesday last week to take part in pond-dipping, mini-beasting and birdwatching, among many other activities.

Lifelong learning officer Heather Chantler said: "We have been working with Kent Schools Advisory Service and teachers since the beginning of the year to design an exciting series of activities linking birds and wildlife into the information and communication technology (ICT) curriculum."

"The showcase days aim to build on classroom topics to show groups of children and their teachers how much can be achieved during a visit to a nature reserve."

Groups of children from 26 schools across south Kent were at the reserve, working on activities that had a particular focus on ICT and outdoor learning.

The children used data-loggers to explore habitats as well as GPS logging on the trails using videos, sound-recorders and cameras.

As part of the wider project, pupils have been able to watch nesting birds via nestbox cameras, link up with overseas schools to find out about migrating birds and share their experiences via the Kent Birdwatch 2010 website.



**BACK TO NATURE:** Shepway schools visited Dungeness RSPB nature reserve to learn all about the area's rich wildlife

Ms Chantler said: "This is an exciting opportunity for key stage 1 and 2 pupils in and outside the classroom to use a range of ICT resources to discover and learn more about wildlife and conservation issues associated with the many species of birds that live in and visit Kent."

Kent Schools Advisory Service's Phil Bracegirdle said: "This activity day is a wonderful opportunity for gifted and talented young scientists from schools in Ashford, Hythe, Folkestone and Dover to visit the nature reserve at Dungeness and work alongside RSPB education staff."

There has been a Living Classrooms Teaching Scheme at Dungeness RSPB for the

last five years. Each year up to 5,000 schoolchildren are involved with the scheme either on or off the reserve and in 2009 the education team was awarded the Quality Badge For Learning Outside The Classroom.

The RSPB site forms part of Dungeness National Nature Reserve, the largest shingle formation of its kind in Europe and which is visible from space.

The society bought the 1,000-acre Dungeness reserve in 1931; it is its oldest site and its largest in the South East.

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# Police cuts 'will not harm services'

BUDGET cuts at Kent Police will not result in a reduction in front-line services, acting Chief Constable Adrian Leppard has promised.



## CHALLENGE:

Adrian Leppard

Mr Leppard says that, despite the force having to identify almost £21 million of savings over the next three years, he is determined the public will not notice any difference to the service they receive.

Kent Police are in the early stages of their biggest-ever reorganisation, which Mr Leppard will oversee until incoming Chief Constable Ian Learmonth arrives next month.

"The budget challenge is upon us and, like all public services, we are trying to find big-

## BY STEVE KNIGHT

ger savings over the next three years," he said. "There are many who think a cut to budgets means a cut to services, but this reorganisation is all about finding ways of working differently so front-line services can stay the same."

Mr Leppard revealed the force had already saved £5m through its collaboration with Essex Police, which includes the shared use of a helicopter and the launch this month of the new Serious Crime Directorate.

A small reduction in the number of officers and other staff is also likely, but the force would prefer to achieve this through natural wastage rather than redundancies.

Mr Leppard said: "A good result for us would be that we reorganise and the public doesn't notice any difference at all, but I have a more ambitious aim and that's to actually improve the level of service. Can we get out

to more crimes and can we investigate more instances of antisocial behaviour than before?" "When the going gets tough, the tough get going, and Kent Police have a reputation for dealing with hard times effectively."

## Restructure

In addition to the £20.8m savings over the next three years, the force must also identify an additional £2.7m from the 2010-11 budget of £285m and is limiting the number of recruits by 60 this financial year.

Kent Police Authority chairwoman Ann Barnes promised that the restructure would not have an adverse effect on front-line services.

She said: "We need to make savings and it's a pain that everyone shares. There's not a business or household in the country that isn't going

through the same thing. I will make a personal commitment that front-line services will not be impacted.

"Due to the number of savings and efficiencies that must be made, the authority has to do more to ensure the force can work with what funding we have."

Mr Learmonth was announced as Kent's new Chief Constable last month, beating three other candidates to earn the right to replace former chief Mike Fuller.

The 52-year-old played a key role in an extensive reorganisation at Norfolk Constabulary and his success was one of the factors in him landing the Kent job.

Mrs Barnes said: "Ian has extensive experience of this sort of thing. He's been there and done it so none of this will be new to him."

# Drink: the problem's growing

AREAS of Kent are "off the scale" for violence and sexual offences linked to alcohol.

Now a new three-year strategy has been developed by the Kent Action On Alcohol Steering Group to tackle the problem. The document outlines how agencies can work together to crack down on problems created by binge-drinking and alcoholism.

There are about 200,000 "hazardous and harmful" drinkers living in Kent, with 11 per cent of males and 5.5 per cent of females exceeding the weekly recommended amount.

A hazardous drinker is a woman who consumes up to 35 units per week, or a man up to 50 units.

In addition, the county has three districts - Dartford, Gravesham and Thanet - where alcohol-related violent crime is higher than the national average. And there are seven districts where the rate of alcohol-related sexual offences is higher than the national average - Ashford, Gravesham, Dartford, Maidstone, Shepway, Swale and Thanet.

Angela Slaven, director for youth and community support services at Kent County Council, helped devise the strategy.

She said: "It's part of a national scheme to reduce harm caused by alcohol and drugs. It recognises that most people drink sensibly and safely and don't have any issues, but

that for some it can be problematic. People who get into difficulties with alcohol often find themselves entering the criminal justice and health-care systems, and that's why we need a strategy a range of agencies can use.

"No one group is responsible for alcohol abuse because it's a problem for all of us. This is about us saying let's be clear what we want to achieve."

According to the strategy, the number of alcohol-specific hospital admissions in Kent has almost doubled from 885 in 1997-98 to 1,454 in 2006-07.

Meanwhile, the number of adults undergoing treatment for alcohol misuse more than doubled from 2005-06 to 2006-07, with the number of young people in treatment increasing from 115 to 271.

The strategy also raises the concern that although fewer young people are drinking alcohol in Kent, those who do are consuming more and from an earlier age.

Mrs Slaven said: "The strategy covers everything from the health perspective in terms of admissions to hospital, to police enforcement issues and with Trading Standards regarding under-age sales. It's very broad. It's both a preventative agenda and something to help us stop future generations abusing alcohol."

Visit [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk) and search for Kent Alcohol Strategy 2010-13.



**CHEERS!** Most Kentish people drink sensibly, but there are problem areas

# Councils look to cross-border savings

COUNTY Hall officials are looking at teaming up with a small Surrey council in a bid to save cash.

The partnership would involve providing revenue and benefits, finance and procurement, ICT and personnel services jointly through Kent County Council and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council.

Town halls are faced with cuts in Government grants and KCC must save £15.6 million in its 2010-11 budget.

Roger Gough, cabinet member for corporate support services, said that in difficult times working in partnership across the public sector was doubly important.

"What is key about our work with Reigate and Banstead council on future joint delivery of services is that it is very wide-ranging," he said. "So far, we have mapped out the benefits. If the change is agreed in principle, we would proceed to more detailed planning."

Joan Spiers, leader of Reigate and

Banstead council, said the partnership would help deal with the impact of the recession and local authorities' expected contribution to reducing the deficit.

She said: "KCC has an impressive track record and a partnership with it will mean these services will remain in the public sector for the foreseeable future while we benefit from the economies of scale a larger partner can bring."

A spokeswoman at Reigate and Banstead said the authority had chosen KCC over Surrey County Council due to a "shared vision".

She said: "The proposed shared service partnership for Surrey is running 18 months behind the work with Kent and does not meet Reigate and Banstead's agenda for cost reduction, improved resilience and maintaining service quality. This council and KCC share a vision of how public-sector service can be delivered in the future."

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It was interesting to read the letter from John Goodwin in the June 9 edition about problems over visiting Dover Castle and its tunnels.

In my opinion, Dover Castle has in recent years been poorly managed under English Heritage, despite the proliferation of various managers at great expense.

I am surprised Cllr Goodwin did not mention the Friends Of Dover Castle, as this is a good way of visiting the castle at little cost.

As a member, one can visit the castle free as many times as one wants.

The Friends can be contacted via the castle and I strongly recommend membership.

Graham Wanstall  
Doverian

### Response proves my point about military

The reaction to my blog questioning the sacred-cow status of the military and their waste of lives and money has been as predictable as it is ludicrous.

Having described my views as akin to treason, Derek Packham of Deal goes on to suggest I'd feel more at home in North Korea or Iran.

Yeah, nice one, Mr Packham. I should feel more at home in those liberal countries noted for the freedom of the Press and tolerance of opinions not toeing the establishment line. Thanks for the suggestion, but I don't think so.

Paul Bright asks which country the Falkland Islanders would prefer to govern them and suggests that it might be England – and he is probably right.

However, it would be far more economical to offer every Falkland Islander £1 million to resettle than to pour funds into these barren islands off the coast of Argentina.

Two bald men arguing over a comb is an apt way to describe the Falklands conflict.

There's a good place to be English. It's called England.

I've heard this waste of money maintaining a military base on the Falklands justified on strategic grounds as though, if Maradona's lot won the World Cup, before you knew it, they'd be marching down Whitehall.

Or maybe it's a flock of militant penguins from which the garrison on the Falklands is protecting us.

In my blog I described military expenditure as beyond rational criticism – and the reaction to it has nicely proved my point.

Ian Macmillan  
Ash

### I'm waiting for my ferry to come in

Congratulations and thank you to KOS Media for last week's article

## your blogger

Cuts in public spending will be welcomed by ratepayers sick of council overstaffing and big salaries



**BARRING** the unfortunate departure of David Laws, the Cameron-Clegg coalition is getting stuck in with the cuts and making a decent fist of it.

Come on, if he'd wanted to keep his private life private, then Mr Laws shouldn't have claimed the £40,000 – it wasn't as though he needed it.

The big cuts are here and the only reason Chancellor George and his assistant Vince have acted so swiftly is that it helps convince the money men around the world that Britain is not like the Costa countries and we deserve to retain our top-notch credit rating.

The message is simple: "We are not Greece... or Spain... or Portugal." That's it.

The good news is that with the pound getting stronger against the euro, your European holiday is going to be cheaper. And you'll be able to ensure brilliant return service in any Greek restaurant or bar if you leave just a little tip. Hurrah!

The same increase is not true of the dollar-sterling exchange rate, but it's probably worth giving the United States a miss this year anyway as the beaches are a bit mucky.

But holidays are probably not at the forefront of your mind if you work in the public sector.

Yes, that's all you council employees and Whitehall pen-pushers. (NHS staff are excluded because you make far too much noise, and there's a lot of you. The

Government will wait a while to squeeze you next year).

You council employees are set for a hefty round of redundancies and don't expect much sympathy from us. Unfortunately, you ignored for years that you are directly accountable to the voter.

It's simple: we elect the councillors, the councillors employ officers and staff to do our bidding, which includes mending the roads, running schools and taking away our rubbish etc.

We haven't forgotten how you've wasted our money on foreign jollies, ill-considered investments in Icelandic banks and allowing some of the most aesthetically offensive architecture to be thrown up in our districts and boroughs.

And when it comes to spending our cash, we've even had a sneaking suspicion that some of you naughty council officers have misled elected councillors.

Yes, I know some councillors are genuinely sincere in their wish to provide a better life for people, but most know nothing about finance... or **REALISTIC WAGES** for senior officers.

And so it's payback time.

You council folk are first in the firing line and a lot of council-taxpayers are going to enjoy it.

Then it'll be the turn of the stupidly overpaid, who'll have their salaries made public and, more importantly, give us all a good laugh as they seek to justify them.

It's a financial crisis, but there's going to be some entertainment along the way.

If there is a story in your area you think we should be covering, contact the editor, **Dave Mairs**, on 01303 817022, or email him on the details above.

If you want to be the next blogger, then all you have to do is submit an article to us (of about 550 words) and email it to the editor.

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about the launching of the Spirit of Britain.

I am exactly in the same state of mind as writer Gary Wright, except that, being French (I live near Lille), I contemplate the White Cliffs of Dover when I go back to France.

I also remember the Fantasia, later Pride of Canterbury. She was a very good ship.

My preferred one was the Stena Empereur, later Pride of Provence. I also remember the St-Anselm, St Christopher, the last of the Free Enterprise, Compiègne, Chantilly, Côte d'Azur, Champs-Élysées... I started crossing in 1965 and still find it magic to be on a Dover-Calais ferry.

I have emailed P&O because I would like to be one of the first passengers on Spirit of Britain.

I have never managed to do that, even though I have travelled on every single ferry between Calais and Dover. So, fingers crossed!

They told me to watch the schedules for January 2011 in November 2010...

Jean-Marie Florin  
Lille

### Homo sapiens is not on Reynard's menu

It is understandable that the general public, especially urban-dwellers, have reacted badly to the 'attack' by a fox on two babies in the safety of their own homes.

I am sure all readers will

sympathise with the horror the parents and children went through.

Every mother in our area must now be concerned that this may be repeated in their houses if a fox is seen in the vicinity.

As a lifelong part-time gamekeeper, I can reassure all the worried mums with young children that this was a very, very unusual incident. That was, in the main, due to the urban fox population having completely different habits and lifestyle to countryside animals.

Though countryside foxes are carnivorous in their eating habits, they develop a taste for certain foods that are available to them, mainly ground-nesting gamebirds, rabbits, squirrels, voles, mice and rats.

In times of hardship, they will raid your gardens for bird scraps, domestic small pets, ducks, geese and chickens if not locked up at night.

They like road kills and will eat offal if available. What is definitely not on their menu is *Homo Sapiens*, however young.

As soon as they smell, hear or see us, they will bolt for cover, watching us closely to see our next move as they know that man is the enemy and will, likely as not, shoot at them. A fox in the countryside that does not keep its distance from man is likely not to survive for long.

On the other hand, we have the urban fox that has been brought up around benign people who are no threat to them – they have nothing to fear and associate people with a food source.

They live on food scraps from

take-aways, cat food left out in gardens and dog food deliberately left for them.

This is the danger that city-dwellers do not realise.

Foxes are intelligent, with an excellent sense of smell, and if the city-dweller has omitted to leave out its nightly dinner, one will enter the house looking for it, with possibly dire consequences if it finds easy prey in the form of young babies smelling of food.

It is advisable to not feed foxes in your garden. Even in the countryside, they will pass on mange, fleas and other nasties to you, your children and definitely your dog.

Let's just appreciate them in their own environment as our largest wild carnivore, running free in the fields, with no human contact.

John Atkins  
Greatstone

### Looking for a council that actually listens

I feel I must answer Reg Hansell's letter in last week's paper.

Why stop at four into one? Why not hand every thing over to Kent County Council and do away with all local councils? It would save a fortune.

No matter that people want to have some local body they can talk to about local issues. Or feel that by getting involved they can affect local services.

We do not all have town or parish councils, which after all are another layer of bureaucracy.

While he is at it, Mr Hansell should refer to Alex Perkins's letter on the same page. What we need is for our councillors to start running councils for the benefit of the people and listening to the people, not just handing things over to overpaid chief executives and heads of departments.

I don't know about Dover district, where Mr Hansell lives, but I am sure in Thanet if the people had been listened to our towns would not be in the state they are in.

Here the impression is given that things are done to benefit the few, not the whole community.

By the way, I am involved in the group of residents being consulted about the joining-up of four councils and the majority in the group feel that we are just there to tick boxes, not to have any influence.

Maureen Thoroughgood  
Margate

### Empty homes and empty promises

It is good news that the arbitrary regional housing target for the South East is to be abolished.

But where does this leave the estimated 36,600 households in Kent wanting social housing? Excessive cuts in local government spending and in housing are planned.

The coalition said it would protect front-line services. Isn't housing a major social need?

There are 22,000 empty homes in Kent and Medway, out of one million homes empty in the UK.

With persistently empty retail and other commercial premises, and long-vacant industrial estates, it is possible to meet Kent and Medway's housing needs without building on greenfield sites.

Despite housing needs, the new government refuses to ring-fence spending on housing, just like the previous government.

The Green Party believes that decent, affordable housing is an entitlement and a human need.

But not one council in Kent has made significant progress with its empty homes and sites since 1997, either.

Steve Dawe  
Kent Green Party

### BBC still holds trump card in poor pundits

Regarding last week's blog – I agree Adrian Chiles has gone down in quality, but the BBC still boasts the worst pundit, probably of all time.

Yes – Garth Crooks is truly rubbish.

I recall John Terry once couldn't even understand the question he was posed by Crooks, who has now been shunted to one side, doing things like features on what's on the World Cup barbecue in Durban homes. When Crooks comes on, it's time to prepare our own barbecues.

Ian Patterson  
Folkestone



# Women are to reveal full misery of being forced into marriage

**SURVIVORS** of forced marriages are to reveal their heartbreaking ordeals as part of a pioneering roadshow touring the most at-need areas of the country.

National charity Karma Nirvana, which supports victims of forced marriages and honour based-abuse, highlighted Kent as one of 11 places that would benefit from the event, with its large Asian community in the north of the county.

Anna Hardy, from the Derby-based organisation, said host areas were also selected in relation to the number of calls received through the charity's helpline.

"We get a breakdown of all the places we receive calls from and Kent was one those," she said.

"We're holding the roadshows in the run-up to the summer holidays as it's usually the busiest period for us."

Young people are most at risk of forced marriages over the summer holidays.

In June last year, the charity's helpline received more than 750 calls – double the normal monthly average.

A Home Affairs Select Committee report also found that in 2008 2,000 school students went missing nationally, with a large number from ethnic-minority communities believed to be forced into marriage.

■ BY MARIJKE COX

Forced marriages are different from arranged marriages, where both parties give consent. Often victims are taken abroad and some are subjected to a life of abuse.

Gurvinda Sandher, assistant director of the Kent Equality Cohesion Council, said that in March the organisation held the Listen To Our Voices Women's Event, which addressed domestic abuse and forced marriages.

It was held in Gravesham, which has one of the largest Asian communities in Kent, and is home to a new Sikh temple.

More than 300 women and young girls attended and Mr Sandher said it was positive to see so many people there.

"If you look at forced marriages, times have changed, but from time to time they are taking place," he said. "We need to raise awareness, not just with forced marriages, but with domestic violence, too – these are things that are not really spoken about by people."

The Kent Karma Nirvana roadshow – which has no spaces left – will be at the police college in Maidstone tomorrow (Thursday).

Det Supt Maria Shepherd, head of the public protection unit at Kent Police, thanked Karma Nirvana for helping agencies better understand the needs of specific communities through its roadshow.



**AWARENESS:** The roadshow will be coming to north Kent

"Everyone has the right to live their life free from fear and violence," she said. "Domestic abuse can happen in any home, regardless of race, sexuality, age, class or educational level."

"There is a lot of under-reporting in Kent and Medway. It is vital the public has confidence in Kent Police to deal with domestic abuse and we encourage victims to come forward and report this horrendous crime."

In 2008, the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007 was passed, allowing family courts to make protection orders for victims. These can prevent a marriage from taking place or stop someone from being taken abroad.

Those who break the order face a prison sentence of up to two years.

• **Phone the Karma Nirvana helpline on 01332 604098 or 0800 5999 247, or visit [www.karmanirvana.org.uk](http://www.karmanirvana.org.uk) for details.**

## Military veterans on wrong arm of the law

A CHARITY has explained shocking arrest figures for ex-military personnel, claiming the stress of being a 'killing machine' can get too much.

Death of comrades and difficulty in adjusting back to civilian life were also blamed by the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) Forces Help for the high number of servicemen in trouble with the law.

The alarming figures released by Kent Police and SSAFA revealed how in just three months, between April 12-June 6, 232 former and current servicemen were arrested – an average of four a day – with a third for violent crime.

The majority were men aged 18-29 and almost half were unemployed.

Kent Police are the first force in the country to carry out such a study, adapting their custody computer system to ask detained people if they are ex-Forces.

### Difficulties

Kent soldiers are based at Shorncliffe Barracks, Folkestone; Howe Barracks, Canterbury; Brompton Barracks, Medway; and Invicta Army Barracks, Maidstone.

Supt Neil Jerome said the force recognised that some former military personnel faced difficulties after service.

"We have recognised the need to use specialised knowledge to support ex-service personnel, who may have had considerable difficulties following experiences in combat," he said.

Ex-military personnel arrested in Kent are given information before release, with contacts for support groups.

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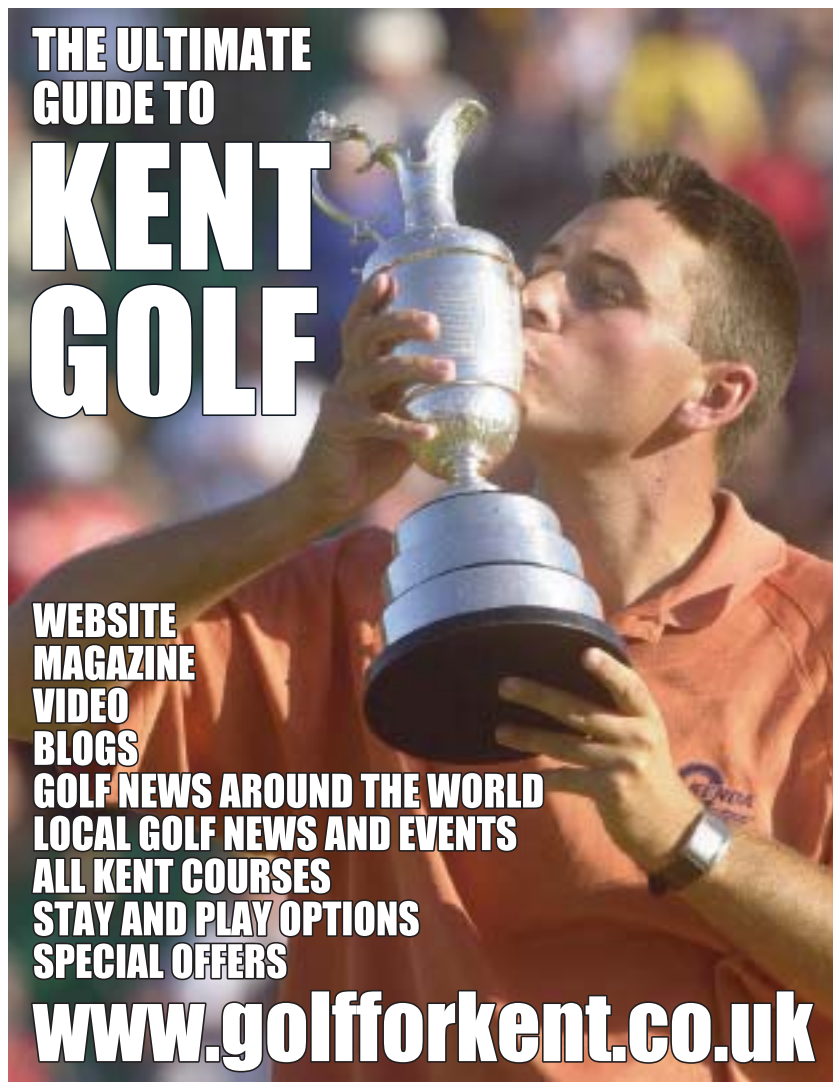
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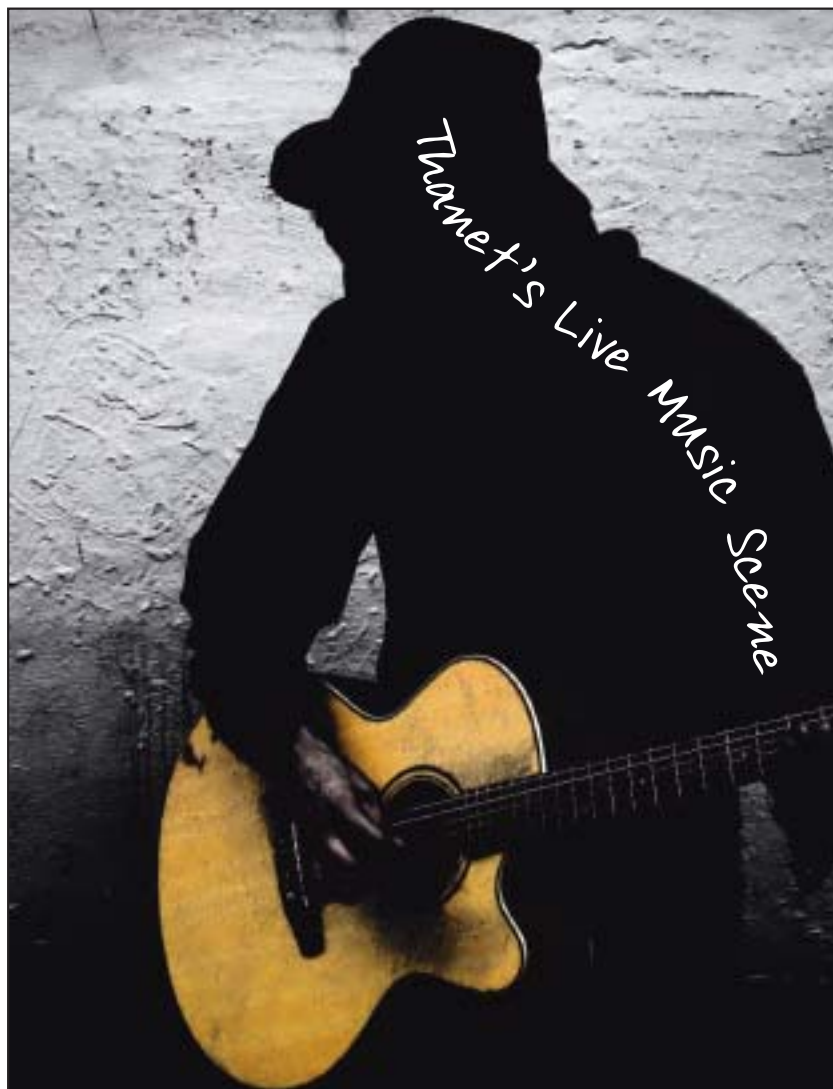
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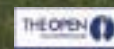
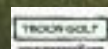
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## Smugglers' haunt is great place to lunch

### ■ The Walnut Tree Inn, Aldington

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The popular inn is offering a special new £5 lunchtime menu where customers can get home-cooked food for a fiver, including whole-tail scampi, chips and peas.

Other popular dishes include home-cooked egg and chips, sausage and mash... and a lot more.

The senior citizens' lunches held on a

Tuesday are becoming increasingly popular and it is a very good idea to book when customers want to sample the whole Walnut Tree menu, including the sizzling grill-stones.

Karen and the staff are looking forward to the annual Aldington Soap Box Derby taking place on Monday, August 30, this year.

There will be a craft fair on the green and those who want to take part can apply in the pub for a stall or on an entrance form to the soapbox derby – the pub can also make sure wannabe contestants have all the rules as well.

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become aware of the tastes that exist across the country, which has an international reputation for culinary excellence.

Piedmont is the region being featured on Friday, July 30.

Daily specials such as fish and pasta are also now being served.

The restaurant is still continuing with its year-round popular dishes, which include excellent fish choices such as grilled sardines served on a bed of lemons as a starter.

The chef is not afraid to experiment with his recipes, and that is one reason that variety continues to be the spice of life at Don Giovanni.

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### Blowing your trumpet

VETERAN jazz drummer Teddy Pope is joined by trumpet legend Dick Pearce for a concert in Folkestone.

The Teddy Pope Quartet will be performing in Keppels Music Room at The Grand from 8.30pm on Thursday (Jun 24). Keyboard player Cliff Hall and double bassist Alex Keen complete the line-up.

Admission costs £5. To book seats call 01303 277175.

### Young book signing

SCREENWRITER Gary Young will be signing copies of his latest graphic novel at Whatever Comics this weekend.

On Saturday (Jun 26), the man behind the hit Michael Caine film, Harry Brown, will be promoting historical adventure Madam Samurai at the shop in Canterbury, which opens at 10am.

For more information call Whatever Comics on 01227 453226.

### Boot scoot to dance

KICK up your heels on Friday (Jun 25) when the Faversham Society hosts a barn dance in Throwley.

The event features music from Mike Wheeler and the Watershed Band. The dance takes place at Town Place Barn at 7.30pm and tickets, £7, are available from the Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre on 01795 534542 or rod.morley@ukgateway.net.

### Picnic at King's Wood

WATCH the sun set on the longest day of the year at the Stour Valley Arts Midsummer Picnic.

The picnic marks the 10th anniversary of Lukasz Skapski's Via Luceum Continens installation in King's Wood, Challock. Meet at King's Wood car park, 7pm, Thursday (Jun 24) with a picnic.

For details call 01233 740040 or email info@stourvalleyarts.org.uk.

### Festival fundraiser

HELP raise money to fund Ashford Festival in the Park by enjoying an evening of music on Sunday (Jun 27).

Taking place at the William Harvey pub in Willesborough from 4pm to 9pm, Harvey Fest features performances by the North Park Hillbillies, Five Floors Up, Dockyard Rock and Dan Blood.

There will also be a raffle and a quiz.

### Children are dancing

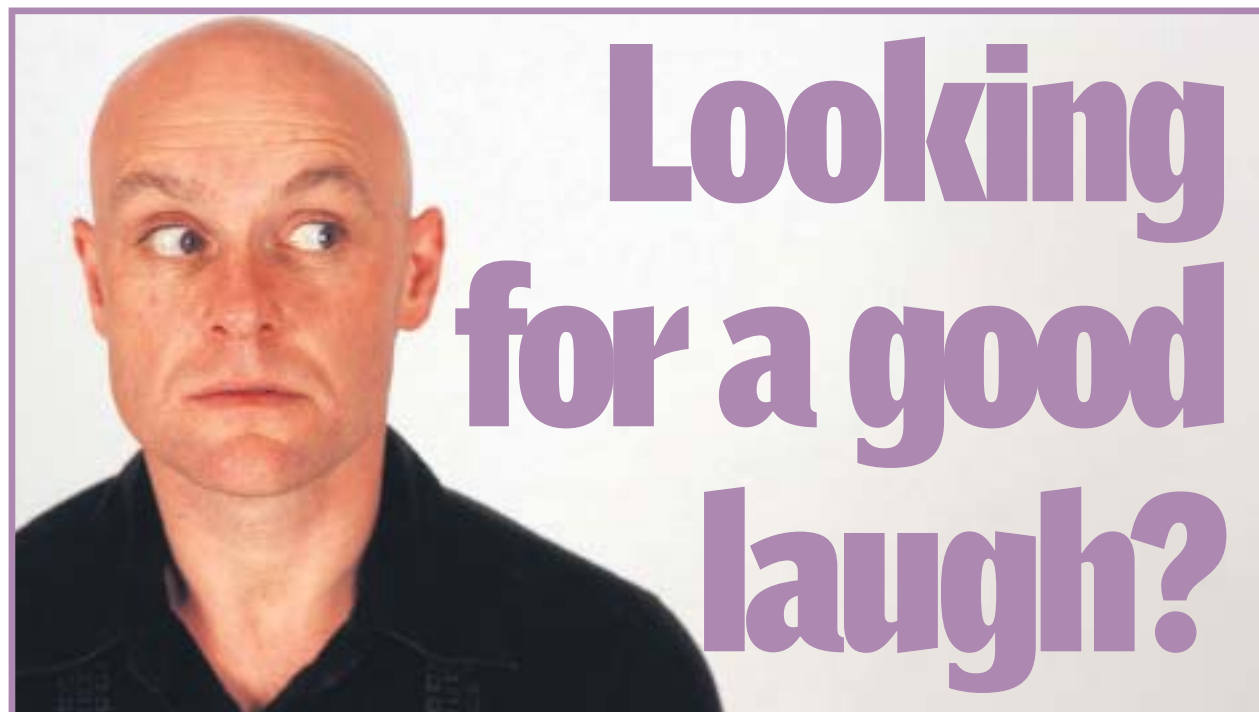
YOUNG dancers from the Rhythm Express School of Dance will perform an exciting showcase on Saturday and Sunday (Jun 26 & 27).

Dancers as young as four will be taking part in We're Dancing, which can be seen at the Granville Theatre in Ramsgate. Tickets cost £8 in advance or £9 on the door and can be booked by calling 01843 591750.

### Cutting secret show

HEAR secrets from the hairdresser's chair in a show by Bright Shadow Theatre Company.

As part of We All Do Good Things, Tales From The Chair can be seen in a secret location in Herne Bay. Meet at William Street and Mortimer Street, 7.30pm, Friday (Jun 25) or Saturday (Jun 26). Admission is free. Book on 01227 811800.



There's so much laughter to be found as The Comedy Club comes to east Kent boasting an array of top comedians to guarantee a great night

LAUGHTER is always on the menu when The Comedy Club visits venues in East Kent.

At every event, the club presents three top comedians that are sure to tickle funny bones, from established acts to rising new talent. The circuit provided launch pads for the career of many of today's most acclaimed comics, such as Jimmy Carr, Michael McIntyre, Al Murray and Jason Manford, so comedy fans know they can look forward to an evening of top quality laughter. Audiences can also enjoy meal and accommodation deals to turn the show into a real night out.

On Thursday, Ramada Dover welcomes Kevin Shepherd, Liam Mullone and Eddy Brimson. Shepherd will be keeping in order in his role as MC, setting the tone for

### THE COMEDY CLUB

Thursday, June 24 and Friday, June 25

Ramada Dover and Ashford International Hotel



the evening and keeping the laughter flowing between acts. His high energy act and likeable persona produced his first Edinburgh Festival Fringe show, Kevin Shepherd: Comics Die in Hot Cars and his career has even taken him to Bahrain.

Since launching his career eight years ago, opening act Liam Mullone has charmed audiences with his surreal flights of fancy and sharp linguistic ability. Having progressed far in several major competitions, he is become a comic force to be reckoned with and is heading for big things.

As well as making people laugh, headliner Eddy Brimson has also ventured into acting and appeared on a variety of television shows such as Absolutely Fabulous, The Thin Blue Line, Casualty, The Bill and Eastenders. He will also be familiar for regular talking head appearances on radio and TV programmes, plus he has written a series of humorous books featuring his anecdotes and stories.

The line-up for Ashford's Comedy Club on Friday is just as impressive, with the warm and witty John Ryan acting as MC for the night. With his encyclopaedic intelligence and engaging personality, Ryan is able to connect with any audience. His interest in health led to a successful show about men's physical issues, through ongoing projects with the London Science Museum and Unison.

During his seven-year career, Gerry K has built a reputation for being one of the circuit's most energetic and likeable comics. Combining his honest and observational humour with a charming persona, he has won a number of awards and has co-hosted the football forum for Zoo Magazine.

Award-winning comedian, singer and songwriter Richard Morton has made many televi-

sion appearances and is a regular on Channel Five, as well as landing his own half-hour special, Richard Morton Live at the Comedy Store. His CV boasts appearances on Jack Dee's Saturday Night, Funny Business, The Stand-Up Show and the Jack Docherty Chat Show.

The show at Ramada Dover starts at 9pm and doors open at 7pm. Tickets cost £12 for the comedy only or comedy fans can add a two-course meal costing £20 inclusive. To book tickets call 01304 872843 or email events@ramadadover.co.uk.

Ashford International Hotel's show also starts at 9pm and tickets cost £14 for the comedy or £20 to include a two-course meal, £18 for Comedy Club members. Tickets can be booked by calling 01233 219988. Accommodation, ticket and meal deals are also on offer at both hotels, contact the venue for further information.

Membership of the Comedy Club is free and offers comedy news, reviews and special offers.

Both shows are only suitable for over-18s.

For more information visit the website at [www.hahahee-hee.com](http://www.hahahee-hee.com).



**FUNNYMEN:** Top, Eddy Brimson; left Gerry K; and right, John Ryan, will all be performing near you





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## C'MON EVERYBODY

Friday, June 25, Granville Theatre, Ramsgate



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Whether you remember the hits from the first time around or have since discovered the timeless wonder of rock 'n' roll, this acclaimed tribute show recreates the excitement of the 50s with a fast-paced tribute show.

Created by guitarist Mike 'Fender' Black, the show has been running for five years and has been described by critics as 'the most ambitious show seen outside the West End'. So find those old drape jackets and circle skirts,

get your dancing feet in order and prepare to enjoy an evening of non-stop musical nostalgia.

From the likes of Buddy Holly, Billy Haley and Eddie Cochran to Brenda Lee and Connie Francis, the show includes tributes to many legends of the era. With numerous costume changes and great lighting, the show is packed with unforgettable hits like Rock Around the Clock, Three Steps to Heaven, Oh Boy! and Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £15. To book call the box office on 01843 591750.



## LOUNGE ON THE FARM

Friday, July 9 to Sunday, July 11, Merton Farm, Canterbury



AMONG the many diverse acts due to appear at this year's Lounge on the Farm, Toots and the Maytals will be a reggae highlight.

The award-winning festival has assembled a stellar line-up of performers in a wide variety of genres and on Sunday, July 11, some real ska-reggae legends will take to the stage at the Cow Shed. Since the early beginnings of ska in the 1960s, Toots and the Maytals have been at the forefront of the movement and made some of the most enduringly popular and recognisable tunes in their field.

Originally known as The Maytals, the band will be visiting Canterbury with original singer Frederick 'Toots' Hibbert at the microphone, giving festival-goers the chance to hear some reggae classics performed live. The band is sure to delight established fans and win new admirers with live renditions of Pressure Drop, Sweet and Dandy, Monkey Man and 54-46 Was My Number.

Toots and the Maytals perform at 8.20pm on Sunday, July 11. Adult tickets cost £40 for one day and £95 for the weekend. To book call 0844 888 9991 or visit [www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk](http://www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk).

## IT'S NOT JUST BOYS' FUN

Friday, June 25, Westcoast, Margate



GIRLS will be having all the fun when Westcoast presents a celebration of female music talent.

Determined to show that women can rock out just as much as men, the organiser decided to present a night of great female acts for It's Not Just Boys' Fun.

Four fantastic bands will be hitting all the right notes on Friday and hopefully inspiring other ladies to get into the groove and form a band.

The headline act will be old-school rock trio STARK, an original and fun band from New York City. Formed in 2003, the band is fronted by Lani Ford who had already been playing bass and singing with other groups and is also an actress, radio DJ and weather presenter on Fox TV.

The bright and energetic Girlfixer draw their influences from bands like The Distillers and will galvanise the crowd with their brand of punk rock.

Also on the bill is local acoustic duo Light Enthusiasm, which plays a mixture of cover versions and original songs.

New wave punk band Tiny Tigers will open the show, which starts at 7.30pm.

Admission costs £4.



## HAITI BENEFIT CONCERT

Saturday, June 26 and Sunday, June 27

Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs



CELEBRATE the arts while raising money for a good cause when Sarah Thorne Theatre Club hosts a Haiti benefit concert on Saturday.

Inscribing the Island Literature presents an entertaining evening of music, song, dance and the spoken word in aid of those affected by the disastrous earthquake in Haiti earlier this year. Performers include guitarist Sam Palacios, soloist Kanisia Mounty, poets Maggie Harris, Vicky Wilson and Michael Curtis, Thanet Write Women, storyteller Adrian O, The Broadstairs Gospel Choir and Masque Theatre School.

The event, which starts at 7pm, will also mark the launch of the anthology, 60 Poems for Haiti and tickets cost £8.

On Sunday, the current series of Sarah Thorne Spring Classical Concerts will end with performances by flautist Hanah Lang and pianist Peter Hewitt, playing works by Bach, Mozart and Faure.

The concert starts at 3pm and tickets cost £8 for adults and £5 for children. To book call 0845 262 6263 or reserve seats by emailing [info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk](mailto:info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk). Non-members must book at least 24 hours in advance.

## DAVID JONES

Tuesday, June 29

White Lion Saddlery, Tenterden



FOLK singer David Jones travels all the way from the US to perform for Tenterden Folk Club next week.

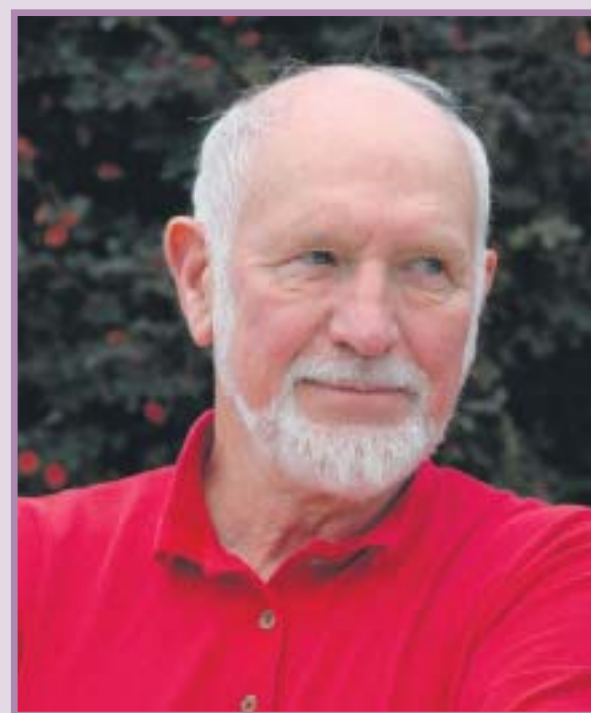
The English-born performer now lives in New Jersey and has amassed a strong repertoire of songs from both sides of the Atlantic. His career has also taken him to Europe and Australia, singing numbers from the great maritime tradition, ballads and contemporary works.

With the ability to perform both with guitar accompaniment and a capella, Jones is a compelling performer who encourages his audiences to join in the fun.

During his career Jones has worked with a variety of impressive names, such as Jeff Warner, Jeff Davis and Jerry Epstein as the Bermuda Quadrangle. He sang with the late Tom Gibney as Poor Old Horse and he continues to perform as a duo with Heather Wood.

As well as being a highly respected singer, Jones is also an actor and he has appeared in many theatre and broadcast productions in the US.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £6 in advance or £7 on the door. To book call 01233 626805 or email [info@tenterdenfolk-festival.org.uk](mailto:info@tenterdenfolk-festival.org.uk).





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## Musicians will take over castle



**SCHOOL OF ROCK:** Pupils from across Medway will be performing on the outdoor stage

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE School of Rock will once again take over Rochester Castle next month for the annual Under Siege one-dayer.

Pupils from schools across Medway will perform on a large outdoor stage in the picturesque surrounds of the historic Norman keep on Sunday, July 18 – the day after the castle plays host to the final Summer Concert.

The bill boasts a total of 17 acts, including jazz/funk artist Jack Holton, classical soloist Tabitha Reynolds and MidKent College's R&B stars The Fellowship.

Folk outfit Autumn Venture, made up of musicians from Rochester Math, Rochester Grammar School and Chatham Grammar School for Boys, will also appear.

Lead singer Tom Heath, 16, said the band were ready to perform at their biggest gig to date.

He said: "We think the nerves will hit us on the day when we see the stage up close. We have been practising with live audiences at gigs and jam nights to prepare."

MidKent College's Bekki Lowings, also 16, said she was looking forward to performing musical theatre at the castle.

"I'm very excited," she said. "It's a massive audience and everyone I know will be there."

Under Siege gives up-and-coming artists and bands from across Medway the chance to perform on the Castle Concerts stage with professional equipment and an experienced crew on hand.

Medway Council leader Rodney Chambers said: "This year we have been able to give even more young people the chance to perform in a professional environment and in front of a large audience."

"Under Siege continues to go from strength to strength, showcasing the enormous range of talent we have in Medway, and I am sure that this year's event will be the best yet."

Medway Council's community services boss Howard Doe added:

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- 5 Save Target As - You've Got Me (from Deal)

"This is a wonderful event which perfectly rounds off the Castle Concerts season."

"I hope everyone will come along and enjoy seeing and hearing the young people perform."

Under Siege will take place from 1pm-3.30pm (gates open 12noon) and admission is free. For details visit [www.castleconcerts.co.uk](http://www.castleconcerts.co.uk).

The concert is being organised by Medway Council in partnership with Mid Kent College and Training Them Live.



**LEARNING THE ROPES:** John Fahey, centre, learns the art of scuba-diving with the Buccaneer Diving School in the three-star hotel Mnarani

## yourgetaways

## Plumbing the depths proves an enlightening experience

■ BY JOHN FAHEY

GASPING for air in the glistening infinity pool of Kenya's Mnarani Beach Club, I decided clear scuba-diving was not my bag.

Unable to get a mouthpiece between my lips without gagging, there was little hope of going under the water, let alone 'diving' in the Indian Ocean off Kilifi Creek, near Mombasa.

Relaxing poolside in the 35C heat – in early December – would be my concession to the waves. Or, so I dreamed for a few seconds as a childhood fear water got the better of me.

I was in Kenya as a watersports virgin keen to dip my paddle for the first time.

Neilson, an operator specialising in winter and watersports holidays, found an absolute gem with the Mnarani. The three-star hotel, 50 kilometres north of Mombasa, is an idyllic beachside retreat – complete with sailing, diving, windsurfing, canoeing, waterskiing, wakeboarding, snorkelling and mountain-biking.

Every sport is on offer for the experienced and the, like me, totally inexperienced. But it wouldn't always be like that as my introductory pool session continued.

Tim Nderito-Rendell, Buccaneer Diving School manager, based on the hotel's beach, didn't seem too worried.

Eventually, after learning the rudiments, I was chugging out to sea and nervously thinking what to do if I lost my airpipe or got a mask full of the ocean's turquoise finest.

We sailed out to Bofa Lagoon. It seemed in the middle of the Indian Ocean, but was actually only 20 minutes out and, thank God, only

### FACT FILE: KENYA

<b>Time difference</b>	+ Three hours (GMT)
<b>Capital</b>	Nairobi
<b>Language</b>	Swahili and English
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John Fahey was a guest of Neilson Active Holidays, which offers seven nights at the Mnarani Beachclub in Kilifi from £709, including return flights between Gatwick and Mombasa, transfers, club board (daily breakfast, three lunches, four dinners), windsurfing, dinghy-sailing, RYA tuition and RYA courses, guided mountain-biking, kayaking, a 'try dive' and children's clubs (five to 14 years).

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seven or eight metres deep. Entering the water, I held the anchor chain as Tim reassured me and monitored my descent. Calming down, I was privy to the hidden world of the sea bed.

I saw wrass, chocolate dips, lion fish, sealslugs, golden leaf fish and plenty more as well as a carnival of coral – psychedelic in its colours.

There are 4,600 species of fish living in Kenya's diving waters – the Red Sea has half that and the Caribbean just a quarter.

Fifty minutes exploring the seabed passed in a flash of neon fishes and I emerged from the water feeling elated that I'd overcome my fears.

After lunch on the Mnarani's secluded and private sandy cove beach bar it was time for dinghy-sailing.

In a new three-man Laser Bahia dinghy, Neilson resort manager Jo

Roberts had me criss-crossing the creek for an hour, learning to tack and gyb – turning up and down wind – and learning to say "a flappy sail is not a happy sail". Despite no experience of sailing, I was surprised by how much I enjoyed it – and what I learned in a short period.

Most nights entertainment is provided too – I especially enjoyed the Mozambique Boys, a group of acrobats actually from Kilifi, and with the kind of talent that would win any of Britain's prime-time shows.

For one meal at Kilifi Boatyard, we rode on mountain bikes through shanty villages. Kenya is achingly poor, and we cycled through sandy alleys where communities existed in ramshackle huts.

After lunch I kayaked the 3km back to the hotel. At last, I had found something at which I seemed to excel.



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### Research suggests we could be heading for a market double dip

HOUSE prices could be set for a slow-down in the second half of the year after figures from Halifax showed they fell by 0.4 per cent last month.

The picture was supported by data from Nationwide, Britain's biggest building society, which recorded growth of a mere 0.5 per cent in May — less than half the 1.1 per cent gain in April.

Also, the annual rate of house price inflation dropped back to 9.8 per cent from 10.5 per cent in April, raising fears of a double dip for the property market.

#### Prediction

Ed Stansfield of Capital Economics said: "It is still early days but our prediction last month that April would be the high-water mark for house price inflation appears to have been borne out. House prices continue to rise but easing supply shortages, overvaluation and, of course, the weak economic backdrop all argue for renewed falls later this year."

But other analysts are more positive with Martin Gahbauer, Nationwide's chief economist, predicting prices will rise modestly over the year.

He said: "Housing market conditions remain characterised by thin transaction volumes and a relative scarcity of properties for sale, despite a slow return of more sellers in recent months."

### Going it alone could be harder as prices rise

MORE than a third of people — 37 per cent — who purchased a new home over the last four years bought it on their own, new research shows.

Just under a third — 29 per cent — waited until they were married before making their first foray into the housing market since 2006, according to a recent Santander survey.

This is a stark contrast to trends before the 1970s, when 84 per cent of people bought their first home with their spouse, while only ten per cent of first-time buyers bought on their own before 1980.

However, house prices are on the rise again, which could make it harder for couples or singletons to buy a property.

The latest figures from the Land Registry indicate that April house prices were 0.2 per cent higher than in March, with the average home now costing £165,596.



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**MARKET BOOST:** The number of homes being put up for sale has risen by a third since May 20, when ministers called time on Home Information Packs giving the market a boost

# HIPs scrappage has given legs to property market

■ BY NICK AMES

Hinks Residential Property Department, believes that HIPs were a significant barrier, particularly to home owners who wanted to test the state of the property market.

Ms Neilson said: "Many speculative sellers were put off from putting their house on the market by the cost of commissioning a HIP, which could run to several hundred pounds."

"Now this barrier has been removed, home owners are more likely to put their house up

for sale to see if there is any interest, which should help stimulate the market.

"There are other obstacles that need addressing such as a lack of mortgage finance — an issue particularly affecting first-time buyers — which would further support a revival in the housing market. However, the decision to waive the need for a HIP is a step in the right direction."

However house sellers are reminded that they still need an Energy Performance Certificate, which was previously part of the HIP and is valid for 10 years.

## Asset sales rise could be damaging

THE commercial property industry is warning a sharp rise in distressed asset sales could damage a recovery in the market.

Oliver Gilmartin, senior economist at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), which conducted a survey into trends, said distressed asset sales are a "thunderous cloud which overhangs the market".

In the UK, 42 per cent more property professionals fear a rise in distressed asset sales in the second quarter of 2010 than a fall, compared to a net balance of 14 per cent

for the first quarter.

About £228 billion of property debt is outstanding in the UK, according to a study by experts with £50bn of loans in debt or in breach of terms, following a sharp downturn in values between 2007 and 2009.

Property agents are concerned many of the assets behind these loans could be put up for sale by banks keen to cut their exposure to the sector and increase funds for new lending. An increase in supply of properties for sale may cause property values to fall if the demand is not there to meet it.

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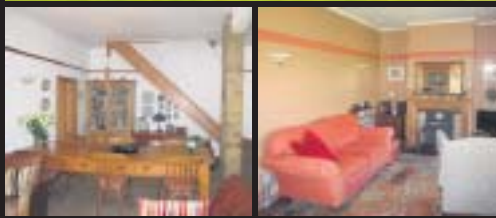
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Internal viewing is highly recommended to appreciate the condition of this two bedroom bungalow situated in the popular Hythe location with its array of shops and restaurants.

The bungalow offers a lounge, kitchen with breakfast bar, bathroom and conservatory. The garage has been converted to accommodate the second bedroom and is accessed from the main bungalow as well as benefiting from its own separate entrance.

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## FOLKESTONE

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## DOVER

**Dover 01304 201806**



**£118,000**

Two bedroom terrace house. Chain free. Spacious lounge/diner leading to a modern fitted kitchen and double doors leading to a lawned rear garden.

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**£140,000**

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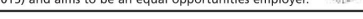
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## CRICKET

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## Kent League Division One

## Folkestone 1st XI v Whitstable 1st XI

AN EVENLY poised game at Cheriton Road was interrupted by the weather, with both sides arguably feeling they would have gone on to win.

The downpour which affected several games in the area came halfway through Whitstable's reply, with the visitors still needing another 109 runs to win with seven wickets in hand.

The home side opted to bat after winning the toss, but lost their openers cheaply as both were caught off Ben Trott's bowling.

The backbone of Folkestone's innings was a third wicket partnership between Himanshu Waingarakar and Joshue Bryen. Waingarkar played an anchor role, taking 91 balls to reach 35, while Bryen dominated the scoring.

## Chances

The number four hit 103 from 98 balls as he went on to share another useful stand with Stuart Graham (47 not out). Despite their efforts Folkestone could only finish on 214 for 5.

Whitstable went into the game top of Division One and must have fancied their chances of making it five wins from seven games. Their opening pair found it difficult to score early on before both were dismissed with just 36 runs on the board.

Sam Denly (29 not out) and David Draper (41) put on 70 for the third wicket, leaving the game in the balance. The breakthrough by John Champion was swiftly followed by the rain, which brought a premature finish.

## Folkestone's hopes of win hit by downpour



CLOSE: Rain prevented a result in Saturday's tight match between Folkestone (batting) and Whitstable

## SCORE CARD

## Folkestone 1st XI

	Runs
David Miles ct Lewis b Trott	6
Luke Sage ct Draper b Trott	11
Himanshu Waingarkar b Hardy	35
Joshua Bryen run out	103
Stuart Graham not out	47
Nick Graham ct Campbell b Hardy	0
Andy Bray st Denly b Hardy	3
Jamie Dawes not out	6
Michael James did not bat	
John Champion did not bat	
Nathan Smith did not bat	

Extras (3w)	3
Total (5 wickets, 47 overs)	214

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Ben Trott	15	4	67	2
Max Campbell	6	0	19	0
Elliot Lewis	4	0	16	0
Josh Gould	2	0	18	0
Duncan Hardy	13	2	43	3
James Loader	4	0	29	0
Amadou Ainscough	3	0	22	0

## Whitstable 1st XI

	Runs
Max Campbell b James	17
Tom Richardson st Graham b Waingarkar	6
Sam Denly not out	29
David Draper b Champion	41
Amadou Ainscough not out	0
Ben Trott did not bat	
James Loader did not bat	
Elliot Lewis did not bat	
Dean Lewis did not bat	
Josh Gould did not bat	
Duncan Hardy did not bat	

Extras (7lb 2w 4nb)	13
Total (3 wickets, 28.5 overs)	106

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Michael James	10	0	33	1
Himanshu Waingarkar	13	5	30	1
John Champion	4.5	1	7	1
Andy Bray	1	0	29	0

## LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

## Sandwich Town 1st XI v Sibton Park 1st XI

A SUPERB century partnership between Vishaul Singh and Robert Gotham saw Sandwich Town romp to a seven-wicket victory over Sibton Park.

Sibton went into the game on the fringes of the top two, but struggled after being put into bat. Only Tom Payne (52) and Steve Hickmott (66 not out) mastered the conditions, but their 192 for 8 looked slightly below par.

Sandwich made a steady start to their reply before the game swung decisively in their direction. Singh (83 not out) and Gotham (31 not out) put on 116 to see Sandwich cruise home in the 38th over.

## Sibton Park 1st XI

	Runs
George Leadbetter b Spanton	0
Andy Allon ct Lawrence b Spanton	5
Tim Bishop c&b Dilnot-Smith	15
Ben Allon b Spanton	4
Steve Hobbs lbw b Chapman	23
Tom Payne c&b van Poppel	52
Steve Hickmott not out	66
Steven Rowe lbw b van Poppel	3
Sam Newman c&b Spanton	3
Gareth Meers not out	5
Tim Smith did not bat	
Extras (4b 6lb 8w)	18
Total (8 wickets, 50 overs)	192

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	15	4	44	4
Tom Dilnot-Smith	15	3	63	1
Matthew van Poppel	14	0	52	2
Tom Chapman	6	1	23	1

## Sandwich Town 1st XI

	Runs
Craig Snell ct Allon b Rowe	29
David Scoggins lbw b Smith	10
Stuart Smith b Rowe	19
Vishaul Singh not out	83
Robert Gotham not out	31
Tom Chapman did not bat	
John Ewart did not bat	
Gavin Lawrence did not bat	
Craig Spanton did not bat	
Tom Dilnot-Smith did not bat	
Matthew van Poppel did not bat	
Extras (14lb 7w)	21
Total (3 wickets, 37.2 overs)	193

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Steven Rowe	9.2	0	50	2
Tim Smith	9	0	40	1
Andy Allon	11	1	41	0
Gareth Meers	4	0	26	0
Sam Newman	4	0	22	0

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

## Old Wilsonians 1st XI v Walmer 1st XI

WALMER remained rooted to the foot of Division Four after they lost to league leaders Old Wilsonians by 99 runs.

The hosts made a flying start as Rakesh Joshi hit 84, which included 17 boundaries. Tom Burnap was the only Walmer bowler to really make an impact, taking 4 for 55, but Old Wilsonians still reached 253 for 7.

The odds of a first Walmer win of the season improved as they slumped to 79 for 6. Skipper Martyn North played well for his 63, but it was in vain as the visitors were bowled out for 154.

## Old Wilsonians 1st XI

	Runs
Rakesh Joshi ct Pearce b Burnap	84
Jayant Yewale ct M North b Giles	20
Jonathan Rodda lbw b Cotton	35
Ramakrishna Prabhu ct M North b Burnap	10
Callum Steel ct Giles b Burnap	35
Kenny Maxwell not out	32
Pasan Weeraratne ct Pearce b G North	1
Michael Mitchell ct Pearce b Burnap	2
Suminda Balage Don ct Pearce b Burnap	8
Simon Wilson did not bat	
Douglas Forbes did not bat	
Extras (10b 3lb 10w 3nb)	26
Total (7 wickets, 50 overs)	253

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Alan Cookson	15	3	50	0
Tom Mitchell	6	1	41	0
Daniel Giles	6	1	45	1
Andy Cotton	6	1	24	1
Tom Burnap	13	0	55	4
Graeme North	4	0	25	1

## Walmer 1st XI

	Runs
Graeme North b Balage Don	16
Mark Apin lbw b Mitchell	16
Tom Burnap ct Weeraratne b Balage Don	0
Daniel Giles lbw b Mitchell	19
Andy Birckett lbw b Weeraratne	15
Martyn North ct Prabhu b Maxwell	63
Martin Pearce ct Wilson b Mitchell	0
Andy Cotton ct Balage Don b Weeraratne	8
Tom Mitchell ct Prabhu b Balage Don	0
Alan Cookson ct Prabhu b Balage Don	0
Eoin McGrath not out	1
Extras (4b 7lb 3w 2nb)	16
Total (all out, 43.1 overs)	154

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Suminda Balage Don	13	3	36	4
Simon Wilson	7	4	8	0
Douglas Forbes	6	0	15	0
Michael Mitchell	9	2	41	3
Pasan Weeraratne	6	0	30	2
Kenny Maxwell	2.1	0	13	1

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 2ND XI

## Hartley Country Club 2nd XI v Sandwich Town 2nd XI

AN IMPRESSIVE spell from bowlers Alan Amos and Colin Aldred helped guide Sandwich Town to a 44-run win.

Sandwich made 215 from their 50 overs, largely helped by an unbeaten 85 from Kevin Beaumont.

Hartley's Nick Leviton (68) provided the only resistance to Sandwich's bowlers and once he was out, the game was up. Amos and Aldred claimed seven wickets between them, dismissing Hartley for 171.

## Sandwich Town 2nd XI

	Runs
Mark Baldock ct Hutson b Nash	26
John Ewart ct Hutson b Nash	0
Rhys Jones ct Hutson b Nash	14
Tamsin Beaumont b Barnett	2
Kevin Beaumont not out	85
Tom Chapman b Barnett	38
Daniel Evans run out Hickford	19
Dan Cook b Nash	15
Alan Amos not out	4
Connor Summers did not bat	
Colin Aldred did not bat	
Extras (2b 8lb 2w)	12
Total (7 wickets, 50 overs)	215

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
James Nash	12	1	46	4
Matthew Springett	14	3	76	0
Steve Barnett	15	2	40	2
Kieran Hammond	8	1	36	0
Justin Crouch	1	0	7	0

## Hartley Country Club 2nd XI

	Runs
Nick Leviton lbw b Aldred	68
Peter Tucker ct Beaumont b Summers	0
Lewis Hickford ct Ewart b Evans	6
Daniel Stiller lbw b Cook	6
Nevil Hope b Amos	5
Justin Crouch ct Chapman b Amos	25
Jake Hutson ct Jones b Amos	20
Matthew Springett b Aldred	8
Steve Barnett ct Amos b Aldred	9
Kieran Hammond ct Jones b Amos	3
James Nash not out	0
Extras (3b 6lb 10w 2nb)	21
Total (all out, 49.4 overs)	171

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Connor Summers	5	0	18	1
Tom Chapman	6	1	16	0
Daniel Evans	4	0	15	1
Dan Cook	8	2	27	1
Alan Amos	14.4	4	42	4
Colin Aldred	12	2	44	3

## KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE

## Deal Victoria &amp; Barns Close 1st XI v Offham 1st XI

JAMES Cuming helped rescue Deal Victoria & Barns Close as they successfully defended a low total to beat Offham by 35 runs.

The start was delayed by rain and conditions favoured the bowlers when play finally began. Only Shane Beau (38) and Stephen Moran (36) got to grips with the swinging ball as Deal Victoria were all out for 159.

Offham's batsmen fared no better: Kraig Korke's 45 was as good as it got for the visitors until he fell to Cuming, who finished with figures of 6 for 51, as the victory was wrapped up in the 41st over.

## Deal Victoria &amp; Barns Close 1st XI

	Runs
Andrew Furness b Watt	10
Ben Smith b Razez	9
Shane Beau ct Gittings b Regan	38
Matthew Carley ct Waitt b Watt	19
Leigh Walker ct Waitt b Regan	1
Robbie Brannan ct Watt b Gittings	16
Stephen Moran ct Regan b Watt	36
Scott McNamara ct Regan b Evans	0
Ryan Taylor run out	5
Graham McNamara b Watt	7
James Cuming not out	0
Extras (7b 5lb 6w)	18
Total (all out, 46.4 overs)	159

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Leonard Watt	13.4	3	28	4
Graham Razez	13	1	49	1
Ben Regan	6	1	28	2
Ben Gittings	10	1	25	1
Gary Evans	4	0	17	1

## Offham 1st XI

	Runs
Tom Gittings b S McNamara	10
Gary Evans b Cuming	17
Ben Gittings b Cuming	8
Kraig Korke b Cuming	45
Graham Razez b Cuming	11
Leonard Watt lbw b Cuming	6
Lawrence Bell b Cuming	2
Adam Kent b G McNamara	9
Jason Waitt b G McNamara	9
Ben Regan not out	0
Mark Collier b G McNamara	0
Extras (1lb 5w)	7
Total (all out, 40.3 overs)	124

## Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Scott McNamara	10	2	35	1
James Cuming	13	2	51	6
Shane Beau	7	2	19	0
Graham McNamara	10.3	3	17	3



# Former Gunner sets sights on Whites promotion push

## FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

DOVER Athletic manager Martin Hayes is confident he can put together a side capable of challenging for promotion to the Conference Premier next season.

The 44-year-old, who signed a one-year contract at the club to replace outgoing boss Ian Hendon, is looking forward to the start of the new season and is targeting a promotion bid.

Hayes, who spent ten years at Bishop's Stortford, brings a wealth of Conference South football experience to the club and believes he can mould the side into title contenders.

### Successful

The former Arsenal star said: "The league is a tough one and there are a lot of clubs who spend a lot of money and don't reach the play-offs.

"I've had six years in Blue Square South with Stortford and there is nothing new that is going to surprise me.

"I feel I will be able to work with the players. We've got 42 games and we're looking to get 75-85 points to make it a successful season. We've got to build on last season and hopefully try and win the league."

With only two new faces in Tom Wynter and Joe Tabiri joining the club during the close

season, one of Hayes' first tasks as manager will be to entice more new faces to Crabble. The Whites' attack consists of just Shaun Welford and Adam Birchall and this is an area Hayes is keen to strengthen.

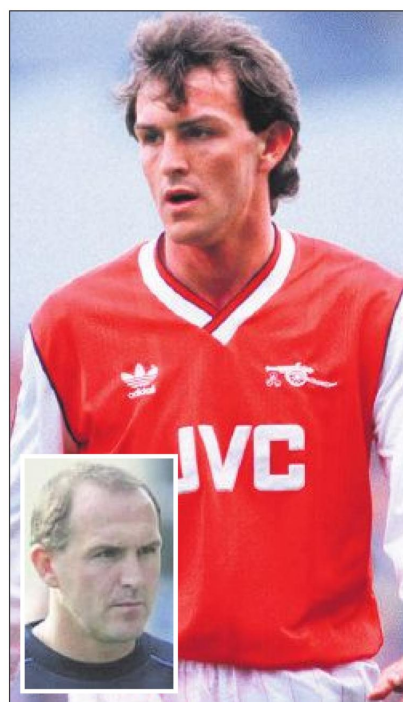
He said: "The squad is probably only 75 per cent full, so I will need to look at where we need to strengthen. A lot of the good players sort deals out early in pre-season, so I will have to see what I can do. I like players that can attack and get at teams and have pace out wide and up front. Those areas will be where I will look to strengthen first."

Although he wishes to strengthen his playing squad, he doesn't intend to make changes to his backroom staff and is happy to work alongside player/assistant Nicky Southall. The former Gillingham midfielder was promoted to the position under the brief tenure of Hendon.

Hayes said: "There's a lot of people away at the moment but I am looking to speak to people involved behind the scenes to see if they are happy to continue. I'm not looking to make too many changes, but if people are looking elsewhere then I will bring in people who I have worked with before."

Last season's top scorer, Adam Birchall, says the players have been unaffected by the changes in management and the mood in the camp is upbeat.

He said: "My relationship with Ian Hendon is well documented as I played with him at Barnet. It's a shame he has gone but I am excited to be working under Martin Hayes. All I've heard about him is good things so just can't wait for the season to start."



**ALL CHANGE:** Former Arsenal winger Martin Hayes (during his playing days and (inset) today) is targeting promotion from his first season in charge at Crabble

## FOOTBALL



**FIT AGAIN:** Folkestone skipper Jimmy Dryden

## Dryden set for Invicta return as ankle heals

AFTER spending last term as a virtual spectator, Jimmy Dryden should return to Folkestone Invicta's pre-season training ready to lead the line next season.

The Seasiders skipper was plagued by injuries last season and barely played as the team won promotion from the Ryman South via the play-offs.

Dryden recently saw specialists to take a look at his ankle and they discovered he had been struggling with a broken bone. The good news was during the time spent on the sidelines it had healed naturally, allowing him to return for pre-season next month.

Last week Dryden agreed to play on next season, joining Darren Smith, Simon Austin and Micheal Everitt. Invicta boss Neil Cugley was pleased with the decision, which means 11 of last season's side have signed up for their Ryman Premier campaign.

He said: "The club weren't in a position to afford the MRI scan last season, which perhaps could have solved the problem earlier. Luckily it healed by itself while he was out.

"I'm delighted he got the all-clear and will be back, we know it's going to be difficult next season. He's played and scored at that level before and will be important for us."

The club have also signed their first player from outside the squad this summer, with Roland Edge coming in as a player/coach. The versatile defender returns for a second spell at Cheriton Road after two seasons at Maidstone.

Cugley said: "I thought financially there was no way we could do it, but he was so keen to come it wasn't a problem. He's such an experienced player and is physically strong, which we need."

The Invicta boss is also in talks with an experienced midfielder and expects to have an answer by the end of this week.

# Deal boss will stay as chairman retains seat

## FOOTBALL

THE future appears a little clearer for all at Deal Town after a new committee was formed for next season at an extraordinary general meeting.

After six months of turmoil and boardroom power-struggles, manager Derek Hares can now focus his full attention on footballing matters, in the knowledge that David Reid will continue as club chairman.

Hares, who has spent seven years in the managerial hotseat at Deal, had previously said he would only stay on if Reid remained in charge, with the Deal Town Rangers group also vying for control of the Kent League club.

However, the EGM was backed by known members of the club, the supporters club and all interested parties and was not contested by Deal's previous administration.

A statement read: "We have now been able to stabilise the club finances and develop a way forward that supports football in the community at both senior and junior levels and still maintain our links with the Deal Town Football Academy.

"The advancement of the new clubhouse is being progressed independently to that of the football club. Contrary to what has been quoted, it doesn't have any impact on football matters."

Deal are looking for sponsorship for next season and organisations are encouraged to contact secretary Michelle Finn at [www.dealtownfc.co.uk](http://www.dealtownfc.co.uk).



**FOCUS:** Derek Hares can look ahead to the season now he knows David Reid will remain as chairman

On the pitch, Hares' side finished ninth in the Kent League Premier Division, 35 points adrift of champions Faversham Town, but 21 clear of basement club Lordwood.



**INTERNATIONAL:** Liam Harper hopes to impress when he plays for England in the European Team Championship

## Turkish delight as teen golfer gets European call-up

## GOLF

LYDD golfer Liam Harper has been called up to the England squad to take part in next month's European Boys Team Championships.

The 18-year-old is part of a six-man squad who head to Klassis Golf and Country club in Istanbul, Turkey to take part in the five-day tournament next month.

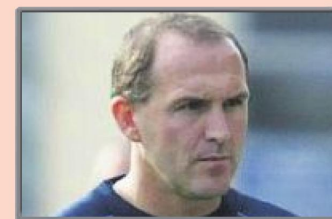
The tournament will be one of the biggest of Harper's amateur golf career as he will come up against some of Europe's best young amateur golfers. With several appearances for England already under his belt, the competition shouldn't faze him. England have won the tournament eight times previously, but finished fifth last year.

Harper will enter the tournament in form after recording a second place finish in the Fairhaven Trophy at Lytham St Annes last month. After a slow start to the tournament, an impressive final two rounds saw him surge up the leaderboard to finish second.

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